

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Wildlife Habitat - Upland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Wildlife Habitat - Upland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Upland Targeted Habitat and Priority Species Benefited	
1. The project benefits at least three of the top ten key habitat types identified in the Utah Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Two of the key habitat types must be targeted upland habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The project benefits at least two of the top ten key habitat types identified in the Utah Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. One of the key habitat types must be targeted upland habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The project benefits one of the top ten key habitat types identified in the Utah Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. The habitat type is considered upland habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. The project benefits at least 1 designated priority 1 species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The project benefits at least 1 designated priority 2 species, but does not benefit a priority 1 species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. The project benefits at least 1 designated priority 3 species, but does not benefit a priority 1 or priority 2 species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Habitat Improvement	
7. The difference between the "After" Habitat Score and the "Before" Habitat Score is greater than 0.75.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The difference between the "After" Habitat Score and the "Before" Habitat Score is between 0.5 and	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

0.74.	
9. The difference between the "After" Habitat Score and the "Before" Habitat Score is between 0.25 and 0.49.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. The difference between the "After" Habitat Score and the "Before" Habitat Score is less than 0.25.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Planning	
11. The project in an area that is covered by an approved areawide plan as defined by the National Planning Procedures Handbook and address 3 or more SWAPA resource concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the applicant planning to install all of the practices within the first 3 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Has an economic analysis been conducted on the project and the potential effects discussed with the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Project Setting	
1. The project is within or contiguous with an area protected for wildlife.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The project is within one mile of an area protected for wildlife.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The project addresses specific components of an existing Endangered Species Recovery Plan, DWR Species Management Plan, CRMP or Areawide Resource Plan, or a Local Sage-Grouse Working Group Plan.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Partnerships	
4. The project leverages NRCS funds and/or staff time by also using funds and/or staff time of any cooperating partners (USFWS, DWR, UPCD, or other groups).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Partners plan to contribute >50% of the total project cost.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Partners plan to contribute 25-50% of the total project cost.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Partners plan to contribute 10-24% of the total project cost.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The project has a monitoring plan conducted by a university, federal, state agency, or a NGO.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: